

Eye On Conservation

Wood Soil & Water Conservation District



A New Year and New Members

The Wood Soil and Water Conservation District public election of new members of the Board of Supervisors is held annually in September. Matt Davis and Logan Riker-Chamberlain were elected to serve and were sworn into office prior to the January 15, 2021 regular meeting by Lee Sundermeier, Chairman.

Thank you to Bernie Scott and Ron



Snyder for their volunteer years of service to the district. Bernie served with the board for 21 years, and Ron, nine. Both gentleman continue the mission of conservation and education because it is part of who they are and what they do.



OFFICE HOURS 7:30 AM —4:30 PM MONDAY—FRIDAY

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The Wood SWCD

Board of Supervisors holds regular monthly meetings the third Friday of each month at 8:00 AM at the district office.

2021 Board of Supervisors

L to R: Logan Riker-Chamberlain, Matt Davis, Kris Swartz, Dylan Baer, and Lee E. Sundermeier



“Boots on the Ground” by Kelly Copeland

Tires on the Road - My outside work life involves a different sort of Conservation. Automotive conservation.

My passion for the car hobby began in my early childhood when my parents, LaVern and Virginia Wiemken, purchased their first vintage car – a 1926 Hupmobile. All three of us kids enjoyed many rides in the rumble seat of that car which was original when it was purchased. Later in the 1980s they decided to restore it and even took it to a Concours D'Elegance show in Canandaigua New York where the Hupp won its class. Over the years, my parents purchased several cars ranging from 1908 to 1990.

Since 2019, my parent's collection has transitioned into our care. Plus, Dave and I have started a collection of our own including a 1910 Bianchi Touring and 1949 MG TC. I have always had a special love for trucks and purchased 3 Diamond T trucks, aka “The Cadillac of Trucks”. Two of these trucks are projects needing work or restoration and one, the 1942 Model 306, was previously restored and is in driving condition.

Our love for these cars is best expressed by taking them on tours and driving them. We do not do car shows or parades.

Instead we choose to drive and enjoy them. Granted, some require trailering to get to the location but all in all the cars get many miles put on in an average year. Tours often consist of arriving at the host hotel after which the group gathers to enjoy a banquet and introduction to the touring ahead. Each day we head out with turn-by-turn directions in hand. We drive at our own pace trying to keep spread out to better assist “modern” traffic in passing us. We only go about 25-35 mph in our 1908 Renault Ax, our favorite car. A tour is basically enjoying scenic roads between stops. Those stops might be a coffee break, museum, lunch, collections, or ice cream (food is an obvious theme).



Dave and I enjoy touring with these cars and have met many people who have become our car family. There are various clubs and tours out there for many different car types from early Brass and Gas cars to the muscle cars of the 50s/60s and beyond. Once the Covid restrictions lift, we are really looking forward to getting back on the touring road enjoying these cars!

“Boots on the Ground” is an addition to our quarterly newsletter highlighting an experience, quotes, quips, and commentary offered by the supervisors and staff of the district.



In 2020, 1,750 farmers enrolled more than 1,080,000 acres of cropland in the targeted 14 counties within the Western Lake Erie Basin in the H2Ohio Initiative.

Governor DeWine launched H2Ohio in November 2019 as a long-term, data-driven water quality plan to reduce harmful algal blooms, improve wastewater infrastructure, and address lead contamination in Ohio. The initiative is a collaboration involving ODA, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Lake Erie Commission and other environmental, agricultural and educational partners. It is the first comprehensive state program that addresses all aspects of water quality

Through H2Ohio, participating farmers receive incentives to implement conservation practices that are proven to help reduce phosphorus runoff.

Voluntary Nutrient Management Plans (VNMP) are a cornerstone agronomic tool that provide a base on which other best management practices are built. An approved VNMP uses current soil tests based on realistic crop yields to determine if additional nutrients are needed. Utilizing nutrient management plans allows producers to implement conservation practices that best fit their cropland. A completed and approved VNMP is one of the seven identified practices under H2Ohio and is required for all farmers enrolled in the program.

Soil and Water Conservation Districts Boards will continue to review and approve VNMPs submitted by participants. Initial payments for completed and approved plans will be distributed to farmers enrolled in the H2Ohio Program for improved water quality this spring.

If you are participating in the program and have not yet turned in a VNMP for review, please do so as soon as possible. Activity BMP Sheets as well as the required Verification Forms can be found at www.woodswcd.com/h2ohio.html.



About OACI

The Ohio Agriculture Conservation Initiative (OACI) is an innovative, collaborative effort of the agricultural, conservation, environmental and research communities to improve water quality by establishing a baseline understanding of current conservation and nutrient management efforts while building farmer participation in a new certification program. OACI supports Governor Mike DeWine's H2Ohio plan and has outlined initial steps to address the complexities of Ohio's water quality.

For the first time, a diverse group of partners in agriculture, environmental, and academia have come together to gather critical information, identify best management practices and propose technical solutions to address water quality challenges in Ohio and the Western Lake Erie Basin.

OACI was formed to accomplish two key goals: 1. Assess farm practices in Ohio to better understand current on-farm conservation and nutrient management efforts. 2. Create a new, voluntary certification program for farmers to promote continuous improvement and increase the adoption of best management practices to improve water quality in the Western Lake Erie Basin.

For information on OACI certification, projects, and additional partners visit their website at www.h2.ohio.gov.



Local Garden Plots

It's not too late to plan your backyard garden for this year - a little area prep, a soil test, and the decision of what vegetables and fruits to you want to grow. If you don't have much space, consider a container garden or a community garden plot.

The **Agricultural Incubator Foundation (AIF)** at 13737 Middleton Pike, Bowling Green, OH 43402 is offering community garden plots for the 2021 season. Both conventional and organic plots are available. Plots range in size from 10' x 3 to 26' x 96'. Water and a community garden shed are provided. Plots will be assigned on a first come; first served basis.

The application and garden plot guidelines can be found at agincubator.org or on the district website.

Wood County OSU Extension is a great local resource for planning and maintaining your garden. 419-354-9050, wood.osu.edu



Annual Tree Seedling Sale & Tree Workshop

The 2021 tree seedling sale was a sell out! Thank to our fellow conservationists for taking an active part in conservation and supporting the Wood SWCD.

“Trees are vital. As the biggest plants on the planet, they absorb carbon from the atmosphere, stabilize the soil, filter water, provide healthy habitat for wildlife and offer many additional benefits – for nature, people and biodiversity, “ NACD Healthy Forests, Healthy Communities

With the Wood SWCD tree seedling sale, nearly 9,000 seedlings were purchased for windbreaks and residential lots and the district will hand out 1,000 Norway Spruce seedlings to each 4th class in the Wood County school districts.



We count on the Bowling Green FFA and Otsego FFA chapters to assist in packaging. Each seedling is dipped in a solution to keep the roots fresh, counted, tagged with the species, and packaged for pick-up.

In February the district hosted a tree workshop with presenter, Joe Puperi owner of Advance Tree Health, LTD. 21 people registered to Zoom in and five people joined in person.

Mark your calendar for the 2022 tree seedling sale beginning in December.

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POND CLINIC

The guest presenter is
Matt Ross of CWS
Environmental.



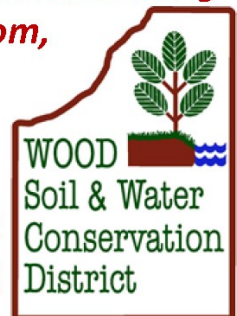
Matt will discuss common sense information for pond management.
Bring a lawn chair! Bring your questions!

Thursday, April 22, 2021 6 - 8 PM
at the
The Sundermeier Residence
15211 Potter Rd
Weston, OH 43569
(Please do not park on the grass)

Due to current COVID-19 restrictions, please wear a mask and social distancing will be observed. Please register at online at www.woodswcd.com, email julielausa@woodswcd.com, or call 419-354-5517 #4.

**FREE & OPEN
TO THE COMMUNITY!**

1616 E. Wooster St., Suite 32
Bowling Green, OH 43402



Wood SWCD 2021 Spring Fish Sale

The Wood Soil and Water Conservation District is offering new and established pond owners the opportunity to stock their ponds conveniently and at a low cost.

An aerator tank truck from Fender's Fish Hatchery in Baltic, OH will distribute **preordered** fish fingerlings on **Tuesday, April 27 at 9:30 AM at the Wood County Fairgrounds.**



Bring your own containers filled with pond water. Your container should be lined with a plastic bag and filled with your pond water as close to pick up time as possible to prevent drastic changes in temperature in the water which can cause shock to your fish during transportation. A 5-10 gallon container is adequate for 100 fish, unless purchasing white amur; 2-3 white amur per 5-10 gallon container.

Fish are guaranteed to be in good condition at time of delivery; however, we cannot guarantee survival after stock is in your pond. **Order Deadline: Wednesday, April 21.**

Fish Species Available:

Bluegill
Redear Sunfish (shell crackers)
Hybrid Bluegill
Channel Catfish
Largemouth Bass
Yellow Perch
Fathead Minnows
White Amur

Recommended stocking rates of fingerling fish for new or renovated ponds

Number of fish to stock per acre

Stocking Combination	Bass	Bluegill	Redear Sunfish	Catfish	Perch
Bass/Bluegill	100	500			
Bass/Bluegill/Redear Sunfish	100	250	250		
Bass/Bluegill/Catfish	100	500		100	
Bass/Perch	100				100
Bass/Bluegill/Perch	100	500			100
Bass/Bluegill/Catfish/Perch	100	500		100	

Fathead Minnows may be stocked at a rate of 1,000 per one-acre pond

Return order form and payment by Wednesday, April 21, 2021.

Make check payable to:

Wood SWCD
1616 E. Wooster St., Suite 32
Bowling Green, Ohio 43402
419-354-5517 • woodswcd.com

NAME _____

DAY PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL _____

CITY _____

STATE _____

ZIP _____

Species	Size	Price	# Purchasing	Total Cost
Bluegill	2-4"	\$ 0.90 x	_____ =	\$ _____
Red Ear Sunfish	2-4"	\$ 0.90 x	_____ =	\$ _____
Hybrid Bluegill	2-4"	\$ 0.90 x	_____ =	\$ _____
Channel Catfish	4-5"	\$ 0.80 x	_____ =	\$ _____
Largemouth Bass	2-3"	\$ 1.00 x	_____ =	\$ _____
Yellow Perch	2-3"	\$ 0.95 x	_____ =	\$ _____
Fathead Minnows	1-2"	\$ 0.07 x	_____ =	\$ _____
Triploid White Amur	8-10"	\$ 14.00 x	_____ =	\$ _____

DO NOT ADD SALES TAX: Total \$ _____

Ohio's Historic Family Farms



Wood County is honored to have over 50 Historic Family Farms recognized by the state of Ohio. The United States agricultural industry remains an essential part of the global economy. Recognizing the history of our local family farms reminds us of the determination, ingenuity, and challenges the generations before us endured as the many farmers immigrated to the U.S. seeking a new life.

The Ohio Department of Agriculture recognizes the many social, economic, and historic contributions made by Ohio's founding farm families. Ohio's Historic Family Farms program was developed as a way to honor these families for their enduring legacy to our state.

The program grants three designations based on the number of years of same-family ownership:

- Century Farms (100-149 years);
- Sesquicentennial Farms (150-199 years); and
- Bicentennial Farms (200 years and more).

Qualified registrants receive an heirloom certificate signed by the Governor of Ohio and the Director of the Ohio Department of Agriculture.

Follow the link on the Wood SWCD website to download and print the registration form to apply. A hard copy may be requested by calling 614-752-4505. Contact the Wood SWCD for assistance: 419-354-5517 #4 or wcdswcd@woodswcd.com

Wood SWCD Education & Outreach

Dedicated to the care of the environment through responsible land and water policies, conservation practices, development, oversight and environmental education.

Environmental education covers a lot of ground. As a local conservation agency in a predominately agricultural region in the former Great Black Swamp, water quality and soil health are tied to food production and drainage. It is necessary that people, children and adults alike, know where their food comes from; more than just the local grocery store. It's important, too, for those who produce the food products to learn and appreciate how production agriculture has evolved to improve and protect our water and soil resources. Our local trees, native plants, wildlife, and pollinators also play their roll in conservation and food production.

The Wood SWCD offers workshops, clinics, presentations, hands-on-activities, and other educational resources for students, community organizations (Rotary, Kiwanis, Master Gardeners, 4-H Clubs, etc.), farmers, and landowners.

With continued public health care and concerns, in-person meetings are happening, but limited. The district staff is committed to providing the best options for your situation or event. Please contact the office with your environmental education and outreach needs. Suggestions for topics, concerns, and events are also welcome!



Items for Sale

Floating Pond Filter	\$250.00
Pond Filter Float	\$140.00
Replacement Filter	\$ 60.00
Pond Safety Kit	\$150.00
Ring Buoy	\$ 70.00
Deep Water Sign	\$ 14.00
Rope (per foot)	\$ 0.25
Tile Probes	\$37 & 39
Soil Test Probe	\$ 63.00
Flags	\$ 0.10 ea
100 5x 8	\$ 10.00
6' field flag	\$ 7.00
Nut Wizards®	\$ 40-45
Compost Bin	\$ 50.00
Rat Guards	
4" stainless steel	\$ 8.00
6" stainless steel	\$ 10.00
8" stainless steel	\$ 12.00
10" stainless steel	\$ 18.00
12" stainless steel	\$ 28.00
15" mild steel	\$ 25.00

(Cash or Check payable upon receipt)

Equipment for Rent

Great Plains Drill

(for CRP Practices only)

- 10' working width
- 7 1/2" row spacing
- Minimum 65 hp with live hydraulics

Rental Rate is \$10.00/acre

(\$50 minimum)

Delivery Charge \$20.00

Cleanout Charge \$25.00

(if applicable)

Dibble Bar

\$40 Refundable Deposit

Tree Planter

(for large planting projects)

\$25.00 First Day

\$45.00 Each Additional Day

*For Use by Wood County
Residents and Landowners*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tree Seedling Sale Pick - up

Thursday, April 15

10 AM - 6 PM

Wood County

Fairgrounds

Exhibition (Champion)

Building

Fingerling Fish Sale

Order and Payment due

April 21, 2021

Fingerling Fish Sale

Pick-up

April 27, 2021

Pond Clinic

Thursday, April 22

6:00 PM

District Staff

Jim Carter, District Administrator/Drainage & Engineering Coordinator

Jeremy Gerwin, Resource Protection Specialist

Beth Landers, Resource Protection Watershed Specialist

Julie Lause, Administrative Assistant & Outreach Coordinator

Sarah St. John, District Technician

Beth Anne Hermes, WLEB Nutrient Management Technician

NRCS Staff

Becky Duncan, District Conservationist

Kelly Copeland, Resource Conservationist

Josh Gerwin, Area Resource Conservationist

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Please contact the district office to update contact information or to be added to the email contact list. The majority of correspondence from the Wood SWCD is through email and social media.

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